At 55 mph it can take up a football field for a tractor-trailer to come to a complete stop in good weather and road conditions.


Poor weather and/or road conditions can potentially double the stopping distance.

Stopping distance in large trucks is not proportional to speed.

Increasing from 55 mph to 65 mph nearly doubles the stopping distance.


## Rule of Thumb After Passing a Truck

- Ensure you activate your turn signal so the driver knows your intent before making the move.
- Look for the entire front of the truck, from the bumper to the top, in your rearview mirror before moving back over to put a safe distance between you and the truck.



## Cutting off a truck may cut your life short!

The Sharing the Road with Trucks (STR) program was developed by a team of large truck safety experts from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) in response to research that found over 75\% of crashes or close calls involving trucks are primarily caused by car drivers. Increased light vehicle driver knowledge on how to safely interact with large trucks on roadways can reduce these incidents. There are five key strategies for sharing the road with large trucks.


